



Mary "Aileen" Decker

June 4, 1923 - March 11, 2018

Mary "Aileen" Clement Decker; Aileen was born in Lyons, Kansas and at the age of 8 the family moved to Prairie Grove, Ark. There was only she and one other girl to graduate the 8th grade and attend Prairie Grove High School. Aileen served as senior class president and graduated in 1941. She moved to Independence, MO at the end of the summer and attended College of Commerce and graduate with a Jr. Accountant title. She also attended class at Kansas State University. Aileen planned and organized her high school reunion for over 50 years. After completing her education, she was employed by TWA until Hayden came home from WWII in 1945 and they were married. They lived in Fayetteville, Ark. while Hayden attended the Univ. of Ark. and were active in their Sunday School class at Central Methodist Church. They had two children, Mary Lynn and Dwayne. 1952 brought the couple to Tulsa, OK where Hayden was employed at American Airlines and they became active at Sheridan Avenue Methodist church. Aileen's walk with the Lord began when she was a child. At the age of 12 while attending a revival, she accepted Jesus as her Savior and has continued to learn and teach about God through all of her life. At Sheridan Ave. in Tulsa, she taught 2nd grade, 6th grade and membership classes. During their 28 years there, she served in many areas: President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, President of the Wesley Service Guild, Missionary Education Chairman in the District WSCS, Evangelism Committee, Nominations, Finance, Church Council, Pastor Parish Relations committee, Youth leader, Senior High teacher, sang in the choir, lead Bible Studies, and did visitations for Evangelism and Finance programs. Aileen began working full time at T. D. Williamson, Inc. as a secretary in Inventory Planning and retired after about 15 years. Aileen and Hayden moved to Verdigris in 1979 and joined Verdigris United Meth. church in 1983. She was an excellent cook, seamstress and loved the garden (providing vegetables for family, friends and neighbors). After joining the Roger County Extension Club, she would enter her pickles, baked goods, and sewing projects in the county fair, and a few even won blue ribbons. Aileen's passion was serving the Lord! She helped get Sunday School classes started for her age group, was Evangelism Chairman and did visitations. She was on the board of T.U. Wesley Foundations board. She served on PPR, nominations, choir, missions, WSCS president, Lay Delegate, Shut-in Communion Visitation, Administrative Council and Board, Finance

Committee, Bereavement Meals, Church Area survey, taught young adult class, cooked for Wednesday night meals, lead the prayer chain to lift up needs of the church to the Lord, taught her Sunday School class and lead adults through the Bible on a verse by verse study. Aileen and Hayden dedicated their home to the Lord, and family, friends, missionaries, and anyone needing a home for a day, a week, or a year or two were welcome. One of her priorities was maintaining family and friend contact and relationships. She has many friends, 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. She faithfully held them up to the Lord in prayer and without judgment or interference, lovingly encouraged them to seek God and maintain a relationship with Him. May God continue to bless this wonderful example of a lady that has put on the armor of God and stayed active and passionate in her service to the Lord all her life!! Visitation will be Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Home Funeral Service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Verdigris United Methodist Church Graveside Interment will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Farmington Cemetery in Farmington, AR

Comments



“ Loved this lady so much! She was like a second mother to me for several years!
Hugs to Mary Lynn & TJ!

Nancy Edwards - March 18, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ This beautiful soul was a surrogate mother to me during my formative years. She was a consummate listener and never judged. She loved unconditionally and guided with her heart from the scriptures. She was a shepherd to many of God's flock and has left an indelible mark in my life. I'm certain that when she met her Lord face to face He said 'well done my good and faithful servant.'

Connie Morrison - March 18, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Aileen was a very special person. She was a big help when I came to Tulsa from Prairie Grove. She helped me get established in X-RAY training. Very fond memories of Aileen and Hayden.

Maralea McKee Eames - March 14, 2018 at 11:39 AM